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New ICWA Book to be Published in October 2005

Indian Child Welfare Act Resource Guide: Facilitating Compliance with the Law

About the Guide:

The Native American Rights Fund (NARF) recently received a grant from the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) to produce, publish and distribute an *Indian Child Welfare Act Resource Guide*. NARF is working with David Simmons of the National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) and other consultants to produce a practical guide that will help a variety of stakeholders to implement the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA).

The overall goal of the guide is: 1) To foster compliance with the letter and spirit of the Indian Child Welfare Act by developing a resource guide designed to educate tribal courts, tribal attorneys, and tribal ICWA program staff or tribal social services staff involved in state court child custody proceedings about the ICWA, 2) To improve the delivery of tribal child protection services, 3) To improve the ability of tribal judicial court systems to exercise their federal rights under the ICWA, and 4) To improve the ability of tribes to secure cross-recognition of judgments, final orders, and laws as between tribal, state, and federal justice systems.

Draft Table of Contents of the Indian Child Welfare Act Resource Guide:

- I) Introduction
- II) Background on ICWA
- III) Frequently Asked Questions and Responses
- IV) Resources -
 - a) Federal law, legislative history and BIA guidelines
 - b) Federal laws related to ICWA
 - c) State laws and regulations
 - d) Bibliography
 - e) Directory of contacts
 - f) Forms
 - g) Tribal law

Where to get your copy:

The Guide will be published in print and with expanded resources on the Native American Rights Fund web site in October, 2005. Please visit the NARF web site or contact David Selden at 303-447-8760 or dselden@narf.org for a print copy.

Want to provide feedback on the guide?

We are looking for help developing topics and frequently asked questions for the guide. Please contact David Selden for a draft list of topics and frequently asked questions to review and submit comments.